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1. SUMMARY: BELIEVE AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PROPOSAL IS WORTH PURSUING. RECOMMEND SEKOU TOURE BE ONE OF THOSE CONSULTED, AS HE IS THINKING ALONG SIMILAR LINES AND WOULD LIKELY WELCOME SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM SOLVING MODALITIES AT KHARTOUM. HE WOULD PROBABLY BE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS, BUT THERE ARE OTHER AVENUES TO EXPLOARE. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SUGGESTION IS LOGICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE. PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE SHOULD BE ONE OF THOSE CONSULTED ON AFRICAN PROBLEM SOLVING MODALITIES, AS HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT MULTIPLICITY OF AFRICAN TENSIONS, IS UNEASY ABOUT SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE AND ROLE IN AFRICA, AND HAS SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF AFRICANS TAKING ACTION THEMSELVES TO RESOLVE DISPUTES SO RECOURSE TO OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE WILL NOT BE NECESSARY. TOURE WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME US INITIATIVE AS EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO KEEP  
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HANDS OFF AFRICA AND AS PROVIDING IMPETUS FOR MORE SERIOUS DISCUSSION AT KHARTOUM SUMMIT OF PROPOSALS HE HAS ALREADY TOUCHED ON IN NIGERIA AND ELSEWHERE. KHARTOUM SUMMIT WILL BE FIRST OCCASION IN MANY YEARS WHEN TOURE WILL MEET ASSEMBLED AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE, AND HE WILL DOUBTLESS WANT TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT TO SEEK LEADERSHIP ROLE AND ADVANCE HIS STATUS AS ELDER STATESMAN.

3. POINT ABOUT AFRICAN TOLERANCE OF SOVIET/CUBAN ROLE LEADING TO AFRICA'S BECOMING COCKPIT FOR EAST/WEST COMPETITION IS WORHT EMPHASIZING WITH TOURE, WHO THOUGH UNEASY ABOUT SOVIET/CUBANS, APPEARS TO CONDONE THEIR PRESENCE AS DEFENSIBLE IN ABSENCE OF SECURITY AND OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM AFRICAN STATES, WHILE HE TENDS TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT US AND WEST SHOULD STAY OUT IN ORDER TO AVOID INJECTION OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY IN AFRICA. THERE IS DOUBLE STANDARD IN THOS SOLECISM THAT SHOULD BE CHALLENGED.

4. WEAKNESS OF OAU IN RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES IS SUFFICIENTLY PATENT THAT ITS MEMBERSHIP MIGHT NOW BE WILLING TO CONSIDER SOME CREATIVE ACTION. SEKOU TOURE IS SENSITIZED ON SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MAY DISLIKE IDEA OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS, BUT THERE ARE OTHER POSSIBILITIES THAT MIGHT BE EXAMINED:

A. AGREEMENT BY AFRICAN STATES ON ACCEPTANCE OF COOLING-OFF PERIOD WHILE AN OAU COMMISSION INVESTIGATES AND/OR SEEKS TO MEDIATE DISPUTE. WE SUSPECT AFRICAN STATES WOULD HAVE INSUFFICIENT TRUST IN OBJECTIVITY OF OTHER AFRICAN STATES TO ACCEPT ARBITRATION.

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN TRIBUNAL TO INVESTIGATE, REPORT AND RECOMMEND ON FCACT AND RIGHTS IN CONTESTED  
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SITUATONS AND WHAT ACTIONS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THEM.

C. APPEAL TO UNSC TO KEEP GREAT POWERS OUT OF A CONTESTED SITUATION WHILE OAU SEEKS TO RESOLVE IT.

D. PROVISION OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE, INVESTIGATING CAPACITY AND PROBLEM-SOLVING ADVICE BY THE UN, WORLD COURT OR INDIVIDUAL WORLD STATES TO THE OAU INVESTIGATING/ MEDIATING COMMISSION OR AFRICAN TRIBUNAL.

E. POSTING OF OBSERVERS AND/OR MILITARY PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN AFRICAN TENSION AREAS. THESE COULD BE UN OR OAU- ORGANIZED AND PROVIDED. THE FINANCING AND EQUIPPING COULD BE PROVIDED BY THE UN OR OAU OR BY INDIVIDUAL WORLD STATES AS LONG AS SUPPORT IS GIVEN THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL BODY AND NOT DIRECTLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL STATE PARTICIPATING IN THE PEACEKEEPING FORCE. CROSBY

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